

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2003 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, John Knapp, Jimmy Kelly and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Martin O'Rourke, Principal Officer (Corporate Development); and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves and Douglas Reid.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**ACCOUNTS COMMISSION CONSULTATION ON THE
NEW AUDIT OF BEST VALUE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which presented a proposed Council response to the Accounts Commission's consultation paper on their New Audit of Best Value.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the receipt of the Accounts Commission's consultation paper on the Audit of Best Value;
- (ii) to note the process of internal consultation with all Council Departments in preparing the Council's response to the Accounts Commission's proposal;
- (iii) that the comments set out in Section 4 of the report should form the basis of a formal response to the Accounts Commission's consultation exercise;
- (iv) that Directors commence preparatory work now to draft a Service based submission, in a standard format to be agreed, on how their Service has discharged and met its best value responsibilities over the last six years or so;
- (v) further, that these Service based submissions should be completed by mid-November 2003 and should thereafter be collated corporately and a report presented to a future meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**BUILDING STRONG, SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITIES:
COMMUNITY BASED WARDENS AND OTHER COMMUNITY BASED
INITIATIVES TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

2. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Committee of the

Scottish Executive's proposal to build "Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities" and the opportunities that this presented for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the funding opportunities arising from the Scottish Executive's proposals to Build Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities and the timescales for the preparation of both the outline proposal and final submission;
- (ii) to target the resources for the Community Based Wardens and other anti-social behaviour programmes on the three linked communities identified in Section 5.2 of the report;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make arrangements for carrying out appropriate consultations with local residents and focus groups together with registered social landlords in the communities proposed for Community Based Wardens etc;
- (iv) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to ensure a timeous return to the Executive of both the outline proposal and the final submission, ensuring appropriate partners' involvement;
- (v) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources clarify the figures in Appendix 1 to the report in relation to the SIMD rank for New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PUTTING OUR COMMUNITIES FIRST -
A STRATEGY FOR TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Members of the main provisions of a consultation document issued by the Scottish Executive on their proposed strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour and which sought approval for a suggested response to the points raised in the consultation document.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the suggested response to the consultation as detailed in the appendix to the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to submit the response to the Scottish Executive on behalf of the Council; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hrs.